

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 157326
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011
DRAFTED BY:IO/UNP:STESCUDERO
APPROVED BY:IO:TBROWN
S/S:MVKENNEDY
-----008397 210927Z /17

R 210157Z JUN 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU 0880

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 157326

EXDIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2505 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CAPE TOWN
AND GABORONE DATED JUNE 16, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 02505

EXDIS

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY ONLY

GABORONE FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PROP, PDEV, WA, SF
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: REPORT OF "SECRET" UN FILM ON
NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 141225

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, WE HAVE DISCRETELY INQUIRED
AT THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THE REPORT THAT UN PERSONNEL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 157326

INSIDE NAMIBIA ARE COVERTLY PRODUCING A FILM ON THE
TERRITORY WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS.
AMCIT WILLIAM POWELL, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESS AND PUBLICA-
TIONS DIVISION OF THE UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH FILM PROJECT BUT SUGGESTED
THAT WE TALK WITH MARCEL MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF THE RADIO
AND VISUAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC

INFORMATION. MARTIN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THE REPORT IS UNTRUE. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT PRODUCING A FILM ON NAMIBIA. THE UN WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO, HE ADDED, BUT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT ALLOW IT. MARTIN NOTED THAT BOTH SWAPO AND THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HAVE REQUESTED THE UN TO PRODUCE SUCH A FILM AND THAT THE UN MIGHT INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPILING A FILM BASED ON FOOTAGE ALREADY SHOT BY INDEPENDENT FILM MAKERS. MARTIN ADDITIONALLY STATED THAT THERE ARE NO INDEPENDENT OR NON-UN FILM MAKERS IN NAMIBIA ON THE UNITED NATIONS' BEHALF.

2. BOTH POWELL AND MARTIN ARE KNOWN TO THE MISSION TO BE RELIABLE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE UNITED NATIONS WERE PRODUCING THE ALLEGED FILM, THEY WOULD KNOW OF IT.
LEONARD UNQUOTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FILMS, ALLEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE157326
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: IO/UNP:STESCUDERO
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780258-0488
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780634/aaaabdvq.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f03c3984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY, EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY, EXDIS
Reference: 78 STATE 141225
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2262657
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAMIBIA: REPORT OF "SECRET" UN FILM ON NAMIBIA
TAGS: PROP, PDEV, WA, SF, UN
To: MASERU
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f03c3984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014